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"Welcome to St James' Park"

We welcome Bolton Wanderers to St James' Park and hope that we can get revenge for the narrow defeat at Burnden Park in the match that was switched due to the weather conditions. Bolton have had a good season to date and will present strong opposition to us, although we seem to play better against the higher clubs.

I am pleased to see that, all being well, Tom Kelly and Peter Cawley will have come through Saturday's reserve match and will be having another run tomorrow. If all goes to plan they will be back in contention for first team places. The form of Darran Rowbotham who played the whole of the second half, at Valley Parade was very encouraging for both the player and ourselves. Darran has quickly regained a good level of sharpness and has swiftly managed to rid himself of any

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doubts that he would be able to make a full recovery from the terrible injury. That news compensates for the bad hamstring injury that Jim McNichol picked up at Bradford.

In the light of events around the club may I just ask everyone to rally round and support Exeter City. Your response to me has always been great, I hope that will always be the case.



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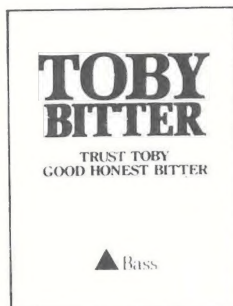
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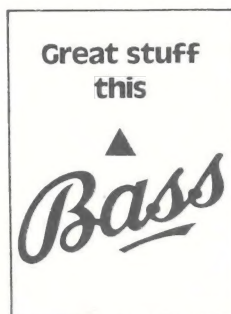
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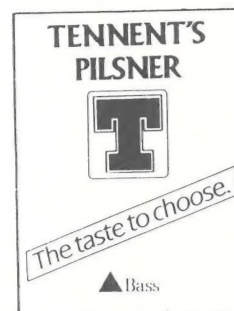
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MONDAY 18TH MARCH - Ben Rowe signs for Dorchester Town. City to get 50% of any future transfer fee. Paul Eshelby still with Scarborough on trial. Richard Young is sacked by manager Terry Cooper.

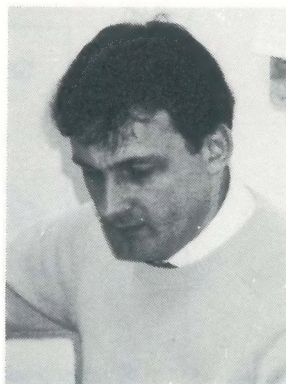


TUESDAY 19TH MARCH - Ivor Doble loses his appeal with Football Association. I am sure that everyone would like to thank Ivor for all his hard work and generosity. He has a genuine love of Exeter City and he will be badly missed. This indeed is a sad day for all at the football club.

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH - Uncertainty reigns at the club as City travel to Bradford City. First twenty minutes Bradford swarm all over City and we are two goals down. Much better second half. Terry Cooper particularly pleased with Darran Rowbotham. Jim McNichol picks up hamstring injury and could be absent for some time.

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH - Final figures for our Sporting Dinner how we made a profit of £1,200 plus the money raised for the ball on behalf of Ottery St Mary Youth. A very encouraging return for our first 'mixed' dinner. Important meeting held in the evening with Peter Carter and Clifford Hill at the Royal Clarence Hotel. On a lighter note Lottery Manager Graham Sparks (39) is training hard for the half-marathon but Team Manager Colin Wheatcroft is concerned about Sparko's lack of pace!

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH - Peter Carter, Clifford Hill and myself meet to discuss the future of Exeter City. Several options are under consideration, our decision must be for the benefit of the club and avoid supporters suffering further heartache. Tony Kellow has arranged a Golf Day at Crediton on April 12th. **MIKE HOLLADAY**





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BOLTON WANDERERS

The past two decades have seen Bolton Wanderers as a see-saw team who have performed between the First and Fourth Divisions. their last year in the top flight being 1980.

Bolton were one of the twelve founder members of the Football League. Formed in 1874 the Wanderers were originally known as Christ Church before the present name was adopted three years later, a name that was to become one of the best known in English football. It was a further 21 years before the club moved to Burden Park from their original homes at the Park Recreation Ground, Cockles field and Pikes Lane.

When the FA Cup Final moved to Wembley Stadium in 1923 Bolton Wanderers were the first winners in front of a crowd estimated at 200,000 with a further 500,000 locked outside. This, of course, was the famous match with the pitch invasion and the lone white horse. David Jack scored one of the goals that beat West Ham 2-0. The Roaring Twenties belonged to the Wanderers as they lifted the trophy twice more in 1926 and 1929 and twice finished third in the First Division. Five players – unbeaten goalkeeper Dick Pym, right back Bob Haworth, half backs Jimmy Seddon and Harry Nuttal and outside right Billy Butler collected three winners medals.

Their next trophy, however, did not appear in the cabinet until 1958 when the Munich ravaged Manchester United were defeated 2-0. Apart

from the four victories the club have been runners up three times in 1894, 1904 and the famous 1953 final, to this day known as 'The Matthews Final', when a 3-1 lead was transformed late in the game to a 3-4 defeat by a combination of Stanley Matthews brilliance and injuries to two players.

In the Football league Bolton enjoyed an unbroken First Division spell from 1911-1933 and again from 1935-1964. On the debit side the club dropped in the the Third Division for the first time in their history in 1970 although they bounced back as champions two years later.

First Division status was regained at the end of the 1977/78 season when Bolton were Second Division champions after finishing a frustrating fourth for two consecutive seasons. Regrettably the Trotters could not hold their position for long and came crashing down in 1980. Worse was to come in the form of relegation to Division Three in 1983 and, for the first time, to Division Four 1987. The fight back from that calamity was reversed when promotion was gained after just one season. Since then the club have settled into the Third Division.

May 1986 did provide some relief for their supporters as the club battled to Wembley, the scene of previous triumphs, in the Final of the runners-up this time as Bristol City, managed by Terry Cooper, ran out winners. In 1989 they were back at the grand old stadium to face Torquay United in the, by now named, Sherpa

Van Trophy. Old memories stirred as a 4-1 victory was gained. the record attendance at Burnden Park is a staggering 69,912 versus Manchester City in 1933. The present capacity at the stadium is just 27,500.

Since the Second World War the Trotters had 12 managers before Phil Neal took over the chair, thus far it has not been unlucky thirteen as, under the former Liverpool and England defender, the club have gained promotion from the Fourth Division and since been well placed in the Third Division. This season sees the club well in the running for a Second Division place. The see-saw goes on – at the present time in the upward motion!

Current President of the club is Nat Lofthouse, surely the most famous of all the international footballers who have graced the ranks of Bolton Wanderers. Nat Lofthouse has also managed the club, but is primarily remembered for his bustling centre-forward play that netted 255 goals in the league alone. Additionally he scored 30 goals in 33 appearances for England and gained his nickname 'The Lion of Vienna' after one memorable performance in Austria. Another England International, goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson, holds the record for Football League appearances with 519 between 1956 and 1970/

Welcome then to Bolton Wanderers, they may be some way from the triumphs of the 20's and 50's, but they are in the ascendancy! Good luck to them!

David FELGATE (Goalkeeper). Born Blaenau, Ffestiniog. Aged 30. Started at Bolton Wanderers but failed to gain a first team spot and moved to Lincoln City for £25,000. Won one Welsh International cap whilst at Sincil Bank. Has also played on loan at Rochdale, Crewe Alexandra, Cardiff City and Grimsby Town. Returned for second spell at a Bolton in February 1987.

Kevin ROSE (Goalkeeper). Born Evesham. Aged 30. Made name initially at Ledbury before being captured by Lincoln City. Failed to make the first team and returned to Ledbury before being offered a second chance at Hereford United where he made 268 league appearances. Joined Wanderers for £20,000 in July 1989. Played on loan at Carlisle United.

Phil BROWN (Full Back). Born South Shields. Aged 31. Bolton club captain an ever present for the past two seasons since he signed for £17,000 from Halifax Town. Initially at Hartlepool United (217 league games 8 goals). At Halifax he notched up 135 appearances scoring 15 times.

Paul HUGHES (Full Back). Born Manchester. Aged 22. A product of the youth policy at Burnden Park. Made League debut in Fourth Division championship winning season of 1987/88. Last two seasons unfortunately been dogged with injury problems and made few appearances.

Barry COWDRILL (Full Back/Midfield). Born Birmingham. Aged 34. Began career at Sutton Coldfield Town before moving into the Football League at West Bromwich Albion where he made 131 appearances. Played at Rotherham United on loan before linking up with The Trotters. Scored first league goal at home to Leyton Orient on 23 September 1989. 'Player of the Season' last time around.

David BURKE (Full Back). Born Liverpool. Aged 30. The former England Youth International commenced his career at Bolton before moving to Huddersfield Town (189 app/3 goals) in 1981 and Crystal Palace (81 apps) in 1987. Returned for £60,000 in the close season.

Mark CAME (Defender). Born Exeter. Aged 29. Signed from Winsford United in 1984. Became regular first teamer 12 months later but suffered a broken leg in 1988 that kept him out of action for along period. Won his place back last season.

Dean CROMBIE (Defender). Born Lincoln. Aged

33. Commenced at home town club, Lincoln City, moved to Grimsby Town in 1978 where he went on to make 320 league appearances (3 goals). On loan to Reading before becoming a Wanderer in 1987. Can play at left back or in the centre of defence.

Mark SEAGRAVES (Defender). Born Bootle. Aged 24. Early experience at Liverpool but lack of opportunity led him to Norwich City on loan. Signed for Manchester City and made almost 50 appearances before joining Bolton in September 1990 for £100,000. Can play across the back four.

Mark WINSTANLEY (Defender). Born St. Helens. Aged 23. A 'home grown' player who first appeared in 1986 but took a further two years to establish himself. Now made over a century of appearances and his consistent performances are attracting the attention of the top clubs.

Paul COMSTIVE (Midfield). Born Southport. Aged 29. Started at Blackburn Rovers before playing for Rochdale on loan. Also played for Wigan Athletic, Wrexham and Burnley before signing for The Wanderers in September 1989.

Julian DARBY (Midfield). Born Bolton. Aged 22. Another product of the youth policy he has proved to be a versatile member of the squad since making his debut in 1986. Nearing 200 appearances for his home town club to date.

Scott GREEN (Midfield). Born Walsall. Aged 21. Initially at Derby County where he failed to make the first team. Signed for £50,000 in March 1990. Started this campaign in the first team but has been more a regular substitute recently.

Gary HENSHAW (Midfield). Born Leeds. Aged 26. Birthday next week. Grimsby Town was his starting place before joining The Trotters in July 1987. Not a regular member of the first team he was loaned to Rochdale.

Sammy LEE (Midfield). Born Liverpool. Aged 32. Through the Liverpool ranks to play over 200 games and become a full England international. Moved on to Queens Park Rangers, Osasuna and Southampton before becoming a free transfer capture for former team mate Phil Neal.

Mark PATTERSON (Midfield). Born Darwen. Aged 25. Commenced at Blackburn Rovers where he made over 100 appearances (20 goals) before joining

Preston North End (55 apps/19 goals). Signed for Bury where he was a regular performer before signing for Bolton recently for £65,000.

Robbie SAVAGE (Midfield). Born Liverpool. Aged 31. On the staff at Anfield as a Liverpool player he did not make the breakthrough and was moved on to Wrexham on loan. Permanent moves followed to Stoke City, Bournemouth and Bradford City. He joined Bolton in September 19087. Missed most of last season with injury.

Stuart STORER (Midfield/Forward). Born Harborough. Aged 25. First appeared for Mansfield Town followed by a brief spell at Birmingham City before joining Everton. Having failed to make the senior team he joined Bolton for £25,000 in January 1988.

Steve THOMPSON (Midfield). Born Oldham. Aged 26. Made his debut as far back as 1982. The longest serving professional on the books. Came through the youth ranks and has made well over 300 appearances in three divisions of the Football League since. Goals scored at one every 6 matches.

Mike JEFFERY (Forward). Born Liverpool. Aged 19. Made Bolton debut as a 17 year old in March 1989. Leading scorer for the Reserves last season. Made 13 senior appearances.

Tony PHILLISKIRK (Forward). Born Sunderland. Aged 26. Started career at Sheffield United where he made 80 appearances and scored 20 times. Moved to Rotherham United (on loan), Oldham Athletic and Preston North End before joining Bolton of £50,000 in the close season of 1988/89. Was top scorer with 18 goals from 45 matches.

David REEVES (Forward). Born Birkenhead. Aged 23. Started in the non-league with Heswell and progressed to Sheffield Wednesday. First league experiences on loan to Scunthorpe United and Burnley. A tribunal set the fee at £80,000 when he went to Burnden Park last summer.

Ian STEVENS (Forward). Born in Malta. Aged 24. Began career at Preston North End, then spent a short time at Stockport County before linking up with Wanderers in 1987. Only 42 appearances (7 goals) before this season, has appeared on the subs bench on a few occasions this season.

BOLTON WANDERERS – SEASON 1990/91



Back row - left to right:- Paul Hughes, Barry Cowdrill, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Paul Cornstive, Alan Stubbs, Nicky Spooner, Robbie Savage.

Middle Row - Left to right:- Phil Neal (Manager), Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher, Mick Brown (Coach).

Front Row- Left to right:- Ewan Simpson, (Physiotherapist), David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver, Scott Green, Steve Carrol (Youth team Coach)

Meet the manager



**Bolton Manager
Phil Neal**

Phil Neal has seen his team develop into one of the most respected units in the Third Division. Last season

Wanderers looked

promotion certs until a bad run in April ended those thoughts,

the club still reached a play-off position before losing out to Notts County. As Phil does not reach for the Phyllosan until next week and as his team are again going well the prospects are high for both of them.

Phil Neal was born in Irchester in 1951 and joined Northampton Town where he played 186 league matches and scored 29 goals before being picked up by the Liverpool scouting system. He

became a fixture in the side over many seasons playing 455 league matches and netting a further 41 goals. Phil was renowned for his attacking full-back play, also netting a further 5 goals in 50 full international appearance for England between 1976 and 1984.

He joined Bolton as a player and notched up a further 56 games and 3 goals before taking over the manager's chair from Charlie Wright in 1985.

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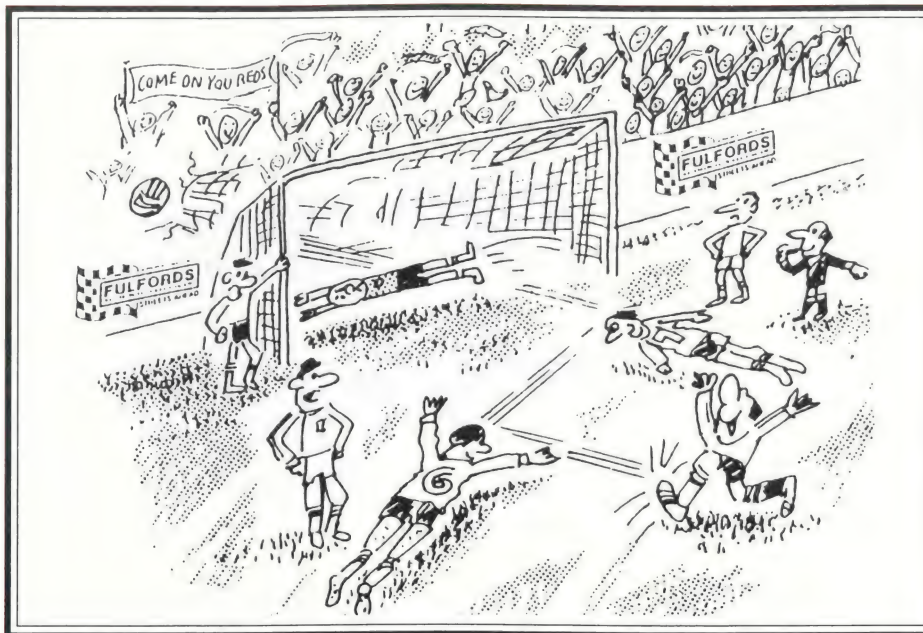
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JUNIOR 5-A-SIDE

We were delighted with the response to our appeal for local junior 5-a-side teams to represent us and we can now report that we should be competing at all levels in the SW heats at Bath on 5 May.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The NFFSC Annual Conference will be held in Glasgow on the 7, 8 and 9 June 1991. As members, we are entitled to send delegates to the conference to vote on our behalf.

The conference takes place in the 3* Swallow Hotel, which is situated on the South Bank of the River

Clyde. In addition to the conference, a visit has been arranged to Ibrox Stadium. You may be aware that this ground was one visited by Lord Justice Taylor during his fact-finding tour of football stadia. It is also, of course, the home ground of our own Chris Vinnecombe.

We would be delighted to hear from any members who would like to represent the Exeter City Supporters Club at the conference. More details available from

The Secretary,
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MASCOT

Our competition for the Bury mascot proved very popular. Our congratulations to the winner, Anthony Sutherland. I'm sure he had a great day.

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*Supporters
club notes*



Travel news



The travelling supporters who ventured to Bradford's Valley Parade last Wednesday will no doubt agree that it was only the brilliance of 'man of the match' Kevin Miller that saved us from a very heavy defeat. The rumours of a players strike in support of Ivor Doble seemed to have been carried unanimously by our defence in the first half.

Looking ahead we have just four matches remaining this season. The first of these is next Monday's trip to Rotherham, which was reviewed

in last Saturday's programme. Tonight will be your last chance to book for this game on the Supporters Club coaches leaving Exeter at 9am. Fare £11.

Bookings can also be made for the two 'back to back' games at Crewe and Tranmere. Once again the Football League computer proves to be a wise investment - after three consecutive home weekend games we are away for two Saturdays. Fuller details of the arrangements for these matches will be in the

Wigan and Shrewsbury editions of 'The Grecian'.

Monday 1st April Rotherham Kick Off 3pm. Fare £11. Depart 9am
Saturday 13th April Crewe Kick Off 3pm. Fare £9. Depart 10am
Saturday 20th April Tranmere Kick Off 3pm. Fare £10. Depart 9am.

Bookings can be made at 'The Near Post', before or after tonight's match.

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Question of soccer

MYSTERY PLAYER

For 3 Points. This First Division player began his career as an apprentice with Birmingham City, with whom he spent seven seasons until his transfer in 1984 to Everton.

For 2 Points. Whilst with the Merseyside club he won a number of major honours as well as getting the call up to play for Wales, having been brought up in Great Britain but born in Dendermonde.

For 1 Point. At the start of last season he joined his present club Tottenham Hotspur, for whom he made thirty-one appearances in the left back position during 1989/90.

HOME AND AWAY ROUND

HOME QUESTION ABOUT CITY ARE WORTH ONE POINT, AWAY QUESTIONS ABOUT BOLTON ARE WORTH TWO POINTS.

1 Home - What was the score when City last met Plymouth Argyle in a League match in April 1984?

1 Away - Which former Nottingham Forest player managed Bolton for three years between 1982 and 1985?

2 Home - Which present Exeter player scored seventeen goals in a

two year spell with today's visitors?

2 Away - Who did Bolton defeat in the Northern Area Final on the way to their 4-1 Sherpa Van Trophy win over Torquay at Wembley in 1989?

3 Home - Who is the only player to have scored for City in the 1990/91 F.A Cup?

3 Away - Which present First Division manager began his career with Bolton, and made 225 League appearances for the Trotters?

QUICKFIRE ROUND

1. For one point each : Can you name the three sides who've reached the semi-finals of the League Cup (under its various names) on seven or more occasions?

2. For two points : In which year did Sheffield Wednesday last reach the F.A Cup Final. And for a further one point each : Can you name the two First Division sides which they have defeated to earn a place in the semi-finals of this year's Runbelows Cup?

3. Each of these titles belongs to a non league side, but what are the names of the towns which proceed them? Award yourself one point for each you can identify.

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..... Celtic (H.F.S. Loans League)

KNOW YOUR CITY

For one point: When was the last time that no player scored ten or more League goals for City in one season? For a further point: who was our top scorer that year? And for a third point: How many goals did he score?

ANSWERS

MYSTERY PLAYER - Pat Van Den Hauwe

HOME AND AWAY

1h - City 1 Argyle 1
1a - John McGovern
2h - Trevor Morgan
2a - Blackpool
3h - Steve Neville
3a - Peter Reid

QUICKFIRE ROUND

1 - Aston Villa, Liverpool, West Ham.
2 - 1966 (lost to Everton): Coventry, Derby
3 - Warwick, Dulwich, Stalybridge

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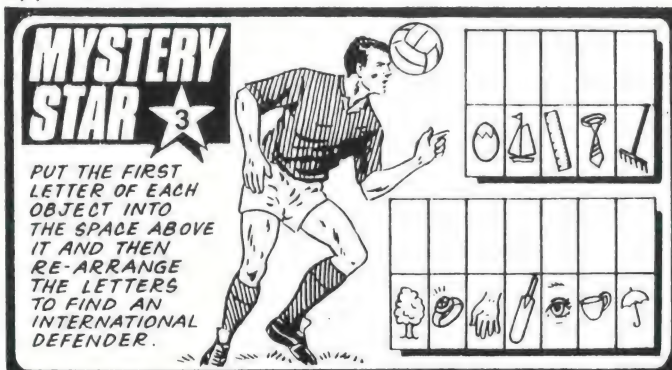
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Winner Puzzle No. 18. Mr H Blackmore (Exeter).

Result of Puzzle No. 19. Jimmy Greaves
Winner Puzzle No. 19. K A Vinnicombe (Exeter).



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LEAGUE DEBUT –

For Bristol City as sub v Chesterfield (1983)

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH –

Against Mansfield in the Sherpa Van Final

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Father and Terry Cooper

SUPERSTITIONS –

None

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1984/85	BRISTOL CITY	5	2
1984/85	TORQUAY UTD	7	1
1985/86	BRISTOL CITY	19	2
1986/87	BRISTOL CITY	24	2
1987/88	BRISTOL CITY	19	1
1988/89	CARLISLE UTD	21	2
1989/90	SCUNTHORPE UTD	34	3
1990/91	EXETER CITY	21	2

Exeter City have always been good at finding West Country talent, but in the early eighties a youngster from Shepton Mallet called Gary Marshall slipped through the net. Gary was offered an apprenticeship at St James Park soon after leaving school, but recalls, "I wanted to get a trade under my belt, and I'd already started training as a cabinet maker. Chris Davey and Mike Radford, who were in charge of the Youth Development Scheme, were very understanding and kept me on as a non contract player, paying for me to travel down and play for the 'A' team in the Exeter and District League. At the end of the season, the club was in financial trouble needing to cut costs, and unfortunately mine was one of the contracts which was cancelled".

A slightly despondent Gary went back to his home town of Shepton Mallet, and played for them in the Western League. It didn't take long for him to catch the eye of a certain Mr Terry Cooper who was then manager of Bristol City. "I was still training to be a cabinet maker, so Terry signed me on non contract forms like I was on at Exeter. When I finished my trade apprenticeship, Terry offered me my first professional contract".

In his five year spell at Ashton Gate, Gary went to Wembley twice in the Sherpa Van Trophy. "I was substitute on the first occasion, but played in the second one against Mansfield. It was fantastic, I think every player's dream is to play at Wembley, and I was lucky enough to get there twice".

Whilst with Bristol City, Gary returned to Devon in a loan deal which took him to Torquay United. But he says, "I was never going to sign permanently for Torquay, Terry just sent me there to get a bit of league experience because I'd played mostly Western League football until then".

When Gary returned to Bristol, he established himself as a first team regular, and didn't want to leave the club when his contract came up at the end of the 1987/88 season. Gary explains, "I had agreed a contract with Joe Jordan who had taken



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GARY MARSHALL

over from Terry as manager, but the directors turned it down, so I thought it was in my best interests to get away".

The next stop for Gary was Carlisle United, where he teamed up with former Bristol City assistant boss Clive Middlemass. Gary remembers, "Clive was one of the first managers to phone me after I had turned down my contract at Ashton Gate, I had a chat with him and decided to give it a go even though Carlisle is at the other end of the country".

Gary's spell in Cumbria was relatively short, but he says, "It was really good up there, the people were very friendly and I was enjoying my football. Then after my first season, I came back from holiday and Clive phoned me to say that Scunthorpe were interested. He explained that he was going to start the new season with a sweeper system using just one winger, so he told me that if I was interested to go and talk to them, if not to report back for pre-season training as if nothing had happened. I decided that I wanted regular first team football, there were a number of Wingers at Carlisle, so I went to talk with Micky Buxton at Scunthorpe".

After having talks with the Scunthorpe manager, Gary agreed a £0,000 move to Humberside. "I really enjoyed playing at Scunthorpe, the pitch and new stadium were brilliant. I think these purpose built grounds are a good idea, especially for the clubs that are struggling for money, they can clear their debts and have brilliant facilities. Glanford Park is also maintenance free for the first ten years, the idea's bound to appeal to Fourth Division clubs".

Gary had no inkling that Exeter were going to put in an offer for him until just before he signed. "The week before I joined I had been out of the side because Micky Buxton, like Clive Middlemass, was trying out the sweeper system. I think Terry had enquired about me earlier in the season, and at the time Scunthorpe were playing with two wingers, so Micky Buxton wasn't prepared to let me go. But once he had started playing with a sweeper I was

surplus to requirements. It was a very good move for me because I still had my house in Weston Super Mare, and I had enjoyed myself under Terry Cooper's management at Bristol City".

Gary had a bit of a shaky start with the Grecians, missing an open goal on his home debut against Tranmere, carried off in his second game away at Southend and limping off in his third against Grimsby. "I was a bit disappointed, because when you come to a new club you want to make a good impression, and getting carried off in two of my first three games was a bit hard to stomach. But since I've been back in Exeter, it's been like a breath of fresh air, it's a shame we haven't put a better run of results together".

"Nobody's really given us a good hiding, we've lost quite a few games by the odd goal which is disturbing, but if you look at the side it's one of the youngest in the division. I've got no doubts that we'll do well next season, and people will probably

laugh when I say that promotion is still not beyond us now. You can never write a season off, obviously I'd prefer to be in the top half of the table and not have to pull out all the stops like we've got to do now to get up there".

He may have only played twenty-one games for the club, but already City fans can recall Gary hitting two of the finest goals scored by an Exeter player in recent years. Firstly he produced an emphatic run and shot for our opener at Shrewsbury and then that magnificent chip for City's first goal of 1991 against Crewe. These goals serve as reminders that when Gary Marshall says 'he intends to pull out all the stops in the last ten games of the season, we may just be in for a little more excitement than some people think !

THE GRECIAN WOULD LIKE TO THANK GARY MARSHALL FOR HIS HELP IN COMPILING THE ABOVE ARTICLE.



5.7! Gary is stopped in his tracks against Bury.

Date	Opponents	H/A	Kick Off	F/A	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sat 25 August	READING	H	3.00	1-3	5,694	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson I
Wed 29 August	NOTTS COUNTY (Rumbelows Cup 1st Rd 1st Leg)	H	7.30	1-1	3,858	Miller	Hiley	Dryden I	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Sat 1 September	CHESTER CITY	A	3.00	2-1	1,377	Miller	Hiley I	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Tue 4 September	NOTTS COUNTY (Rumbelows Cup 1st Rd 2nd Leg)	A	7.45	0-1	4,204	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Sat 8 September	SWANSEA CITY	H	3.00	2-0	4,719	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson I
Sat 15 September	MANSFIELD TOWN	A	3.00	2-0	2,355	Miller	Hiley	Dryden I	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson I
Tue 18 September	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	7.30	1-1	7,703	Miller	Hiley	Dryden I	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Sat 22 September	BOURNEMOUTH	H	3.00	2-0	6,145	Miller	Hiley	Dryden 2	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Young
Sat 29 September	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	3.00	0-1	4,227	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Tue 2 October	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	7.30	0-1	4,317	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Sat 6 October	PRESTON NORTH END	A	3.00	0-1	4,716	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Brown
Sat 13 October	BRADFORD CITY	H	3.00	2-2	4,517	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson I
Sat 20 October	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	3.00	0-0	5,045	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Tue 23 October	SOUTHEND UNITED	A	7.30	1-2	4,280	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor I	Cooper	Hobson
Sat 27 October	FULHAM	A	3.00	2-3	4,523	Miller	Hiley	Dryden I	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson I
Sat 3 November	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	3.00	0-0	4,647	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Sat 10 November	LEYTON ORIENT	A	3.00	0-1	3,785	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Rogers	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Tue 13 November	CARDIFF CITY (Leyland Daf Qualifier)	A	7.45	1-0	1,045	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Brown	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Sat 17 November	CAMBRIDGE UNITED F.A. Cup Round One	H	3.00	1-2	4,715	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Brown	Taylor	Cooper	Hobson
Sat 24 November	BRENTFORD	H	3.00	1-1	3,826	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Cawley	Taylor	Cooper	Marshall
Wed 28 November	HEREFORD UNITED (Leyland Daf Qualifier)	H	7.30	2-2	1,962	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Brown	Taylor	Cooper	Marshall
Sat 1 December	STOKE CITY	H	3.00	2-0	5,377	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Cawley	Taylor	Cooper	Marshall
Sat 15 December	BURY	A	3.00	1-3	2,370	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Cawley	Taylor	Cooper	Marshall
Sat 22 December	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	3.00	2-0	3,752	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Cawley	Taylor	Cooper I	Kelly
Wed 26 December	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	3.00	1-4	2,045	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Cawley	Taylor	Cooper	Kelly
Sat 29 December	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	3.00	2-2	3,179	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Brown	Taylor	Cooper I	Kelly
Tue 1 January	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	3.00	3-0	4,023	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Brown	Taylor	Cooper 2	O'Toole
Sat 12 January	CHESTER CITY	H	3.00	1-1	4,008	Miller	Hiley	Dryden I	Brown	Taylor	Cooper	O'Toole
Sat 19 January	READING	A	3.00	0-1	5,123	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Brown	Taylor	Cooper	Eshelby
Wed 23 January	ALDERSHOT (Leyland Daf Rd 1)	A	7.30	1-0	2,015	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Brown	Taylor	Cooper	Eshelby
Sat 26 January	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	3.00	2-0	3,426	Miller	Hiley	Dryden	Brown	Taylor	Cooper	Eshelby
Sat 2 February	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	3.00	0-2	5,154	Miller	Hiley	Kelly	Cawley	Taylor	Hobson	Eshelby
Tue 5 February	BOURNEMOUTH	A	7.30	1-2	4,982	Miller	Hiley	Brown	Cawley	Taylor	Hobson	Morgan I
Wed 13 February	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	7.30	0-1	5,506	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper	Morgan
Sat 16 February	BRENTFORD	A	3.00	0-1	5,280	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper	Morgan
Wed 20 February	CAMBRIDGE UNITED (Leyland Daf Round 2)	H	7.30	0-1	2,258	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper	Morgan
Sat 23 February	LEYTON ORIENT	H	3.00	2-0	3,216	Miller	Hiley I	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper I	Dryden
Tue 26 February	SWANSEA CITY	A	7.30	3-0	2,385	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Batty	Cooper	Dryden
Sat 2 March	STOKE CITY	A	3.00	1-2	8,536	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper I	Dryden
Sat 9 March	BURY	H	3.00	2-0	3,590	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper 2	Dryden
Wed 13 March	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	7.30	2-2	3,625	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper I	Dryden
Sat 16 March	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A	3.00	0-1	4,833	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper	Rogers
Wed 20 March	BRADFORD CITY	A	7.45	0-3	5,328	Miller	Hiley	Brown	McNichol	Taylor	Cooper	Batty
Sat 23 March	PRESTON NORTH END	H	3.00									
Tue 26 March	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	7.30									
Sat 30 March	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	3.00									
Mon 1 April	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	3.00									
Sat 6 April	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	3.00									
Sat 13 April	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A	3.00									
Sat 20 April	TRANMERE ROVERS	A	3.00									
Sat 27 April	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	3.00									
Sat 4 May	FULHAM	H	3.00									
Sat 11 May	GRIMSBY TOWN	A	3.00									

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Batty	Bailey	Neville	Whitehead	McDermott*	Rowe*
Bailey	McDermott	Neville I	Whitehead	Young*	Batty
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Bailey	McDermott	Neville	Whitehead	Bailey*	Kelly
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Bailey	McDermott	Neville	Whitehead	Young*	Kelly*
Bailey	McDermott	Neville	Whitehead	Young*	Kelly*
Bailey	Young	Rowe	Kelly	Eshelby*	Frankland
Bailey	Young	Neville I	Kelly	Eshelby*	Brown
Bailey	Marshall	Neville	Kelly	Brown	Eshelby*
Bailey	Marshall	Neville	Kelly	Brown*	Eshelby*
Bailey	Eshelby	Neville	Kelly	Brown	Rowe
Bailey	Marshall	Neville	Eshelby	Brown	Kelly*
Bailey	Kelly	Neville	Eshelby	Brown*	Tibbenham
Bailey I	Morgan	Neville	Kelly	Eshelby	Batty
Bailey	Morgan	Neville I	Kelly	Batty	Marshall
Batty	Morgan	Neville	Kelly I	Brown	Young*
Bailey I	Morgan	Neville I	Kelly	Young*	Eshelby
Bailey	Morgan	Neville I	Eshelby I	Kelly	Young
Bailey	Morgan I	Neville	Owen	Kelly	Berryman
Bailey	Morgan I	Neville	Eshelby	Hobson	Brown
Batty	Morgan	Hobson	Eshelby	Brown*	Owen
Owen	Morgan	Hobson	Eshelby*	Frankland	
Owen	Hobson	Neville	Marshall I	Kelly*	Morgan
Owen	Hobson	Neville	Marshall	Morgan*	Kelly*
O'Toole	Hobson	Morgan	Marshall	Rowe*	Kelly*
O'Toole	Hobson	Neville	Marshall	Morgan*	Kelly
O'Toole	Hobson	Neville	Marshall	Neville* I	Kelly
O'Toole	Jones	Neville	Marshall	Morgan*	Bailey
O'Toole	Jones	Neville	Marshall	Eshelby*	Bailey
Hobson	Jones	Neville	Marshall	Eshelby*	Bailey
Hobson	Jones	Dryden	Marshall	Eshelby*	O'Toole
Hobson	Neville	Dryden	Marshall	Bailey*	O'Toole
Hobson	Jones	Neville	Marshall	Bailey	Wright
Hobson	Jones	Neville3	Marshall	Morgan	Frankland*
Batty	Morgan	Neville	Marshall	Wright	Rowbotham*
Batty	Jones	Neville	Marshall	Morgan	Rowbotham*
Hobson	Jones	Neville I	Marshall	Bailey	Rowbotham
Hobson	Jones	Neville	Marshall	Marshall*	Bailey*
Hobson	Jones	Neville	Marshall	Rogers*	Rowbotham*

KEY


* - Substitute used
I - Goalscorer

Appearances and Goals

NAME	APPEARANCES 90/91				GOALS 90/91			
	LEAGUE	LEAGUE CUP	F.A. CUP	LEYLAND CUP	LEAGUE	LEAGUE CUP	F.A. CUP	LEYLAND CUP
Danny Bailey	17	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Paul Batty	7(4)	2	0	1(1)	0	0	0	1
Jonathan Brown	16(3)	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
Peter Cawley	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Cooper	34	2	1	4	9	0	0	0
Richard Dryden	31	2	1	4	6	1	0	0
Paul Eshelby	9(9)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Tony Frankland	0(3)	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Hiley	36	2	1	4	2	0	0	0
Gordon Hobson	28	2	1	3	6	0	0	0
Murray Jones	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Kelly	11(6)	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Brian McDermott	8	1(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jim McNichol	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gary Marshall	21(1)	0	0	3	2	0	0	1
Kevin Miller	36	2	1	4	0	0	0	0
Trevor Morgan	13(2)	0	1	3(1)	3	0	0	0
Steve Neville	29(1)	2	1	4	8	0	1	1
Pat O'Toole (loan)	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gordon Owen (loan)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee Rogers	16(1)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Darran Rowbotham	0(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Rowe	1(1)	0(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shaun Taylor	35	2	1	4	1	0	0	0
Clive Whitehead	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Young	3(4)	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0
Own goals					1	0	0	0
(substitute appearances in parentheses)								



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How we stand

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	34	24	4	8	58	39	70
Grimsby	35	20	7	8	55	27	67
Bolton	35	18	9	8	47	38	63
Bury	36	16	10	10	55	46	58
Tranmere	35	16	9	10	50	39	57
Huddersfield	36	15	11	10	46	39	56
Cambridge	30	15	9	6	49	32	54
Brentford	34	14	11	9	41	36	53
Bournemouth	35	14	11	10	45	44	53
Stoke	35	14	10	11	45	41	52
Birmingham	36	13	13	10	37	39	52
Bradford	33	14	8	11	49	38	50
Reading	32	15	5	12	44	39	50
Wigan	34	13	7	14	51	47	46
Leyton Orient	32	13	4	15	36	44	43
EXETER	36	11	8	17	41	42	41
Preston	34	11	7	16	38	51	40
Chester	33	11	6	16	34	40	39
Swansea	32	10	5	17	37	50	35
Shrewsbury	32	7	9	16	43	50	30
Crewe	32	7	8	17	45	57	29
Fulham	34	6	11	17	29	47	29
Mansfield	34	6	10	18	32	46	28
Rotherham	33	4	10	19	28	64	22

Leading scorers

**League matches only :
Last Saturday not included.**

Tony Philliskirk (Bolton Wanderers) 15

Luther Blissett (Bournemouth) 15

Jimmy Gilligan (Swansea City) 15

Ian Muir (Tranmere Rovers) 15

Don Page (Wigan Athletic) 14

Trevor Senior (Reading) 13

Ian Benjamin (Southend United) 13

Dion Dublin (Cambridge United) 12

Brett Angell (Southend United) 13

Wayne Biggins (Stoke City) 12

Dave Lee (Bury) 10

John Taylor (Cambridge United) 10

Mark Gardiner (Crewe Alexandra) 10

Andy Sussex (Crewe Alexandra) 10

Iwan Roberts (Huddersfield Town) 10

Steve Castle (Leyton Orient) 10

Dave Martin (Southend United) 10

We have unfortunately had to compile this review of Third Division events prior to the results of last weekend's fixtures being known. There was, however, a full midweek programme of games, with all but four of the division's sides taking part.

Monday night saw promotion hopefuls Southend and Tranmere both shake off the challenge of play-off aspirants. The Shrimpers reaffirmed their position as Championship favourites with a 2-1 win over Leyland Daf Southern Finalists Birmingham. Lou Macari's side went in ahead at half-time thanks to a 37th minute strike from Nigel Gleg-horn, but two goals in as many minutes from David Martin and Brett Angell gave the home side victory in front of a 6,328 crowd.

Should Birmingham defeat Brentford in the Southern Final, their opponents at Wembley look certain to be Tranmere Rovers. The Birkenhead side have hit form at just the right time, and a twelfth minute Shaun Garnett goal was enough to give them victory over ninth place Bournemouth and temporarily take them into fourth place above Bury.

The Shakers were involved on Tuesday night in a crunch derby match at third place Bolton. A slightly disappointing crowd of 9,006 turned up for what was a disappointing night for the homesters, 1-0 down at half-time and 3-1 down after ninety minutes thanks to a hat-trick from Summer buy John McGinlay. Scott Green had pulled one back for Bolton after 64 minutes, but McGinlay secured the three points with his third, six minutes later.

Cambridge and Brentford played out a goalless draw at the Abbey Stadium, both sides are well placed in seventh and eighth respectively with games in hand on all of the sides ahead of them. Immediately above them are Huddersfield, and their 4-0 win over Rotherham - three of the goals coming in the last fifteen minutes - keeps them well in touch with the leading group. Rotherham, on the other hand, appear to be in ever increasing trouble at the bottom of the division, they now find themselves six points adrift in twenty-fourth place.

Stoke kept their promotion hopes alive with a 1-0 win at Fulham thanks to a 75th minute goal from Wayne Biggins. Mansfield went down 3-1 on the Preston plastic, but there were much needed wins for Crewe, 3-0 at home to dreadfully out of form Swansea, and Shrewsbury, also 3-0 and also at home to a side struggling for results, namely Leyton Orient.

All of this serves to send Fulham and Mansfield into the relegation zone, and with them both having played two games more than Crewe and Shrews-

bury, they will be looking for improved form in their last twelve matches.

And so to the only game of Wednesday night, Bradford's 3-0 win over City at Valley Parade. The Bantams certainly looked like a side with promotion ambition, and there are a dozen others who will be harbouring hopes of a place in next season's Second Division.

Southend, Grimsby and Bolton must still rank as favourites, but the Trotters' two recent defeats will provide encouragement for Bury, Tranmere and Cambridge in particular. However, Huddersfield, Brentford and the five sides below them will be still be hopeful of a place in the play-offs. It seems that, until after the Easter games anyway, there is no such things as mid-table obscurity in this season's Third Division !

Average attendances

Team	AV	High
STOKE CITY	12015	16009
BIRMINGHAM CITY	7069	10123
BRADFORD CITY	6918	9569
GRIMSBY TOWN	6731	10799
TRANMERE ROVERS	6519	10327
BOLTON WANDERERS	6335	10318
BRENTFORD	6022	8021
BOURNEMOUTH	5625	7167
PRESTON NORTH END	5491	9844
SOUTHEND UNITED	5332	8126
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	5256	9697
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	4785	6338
ROTHERHAM UNITED	4570	6236
READING	4475	6562
EXETER CITY	4411	6145
LEYTON ORIENT	4317	6371
CREWE ALEXANDRA	3962	7200
SWANSEA CITY	3940	5938
FULHAM	3760	5113
SHREWSBURY TOWN	3519	6210
BURY	3234	5634
WIGAN ATHLETIC	2886	4728
MANSFIELD TOWN	2730	3652
CHESTER CITY	1669	3759

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TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORS

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....Plymouth Argyle! He plays football and is a budding Kevin Miller. His favourite player is Gary Lineker. We will feature a photograph of Paul in his City kit in the Wigan programme.

Also here
tonight
representing
Bolton
Wanderers is
Peter Simmons
of Cheddar.

SPORTING DINNER

As already stated the Sporting Dinner last week was a great success, making a profit of £1,200. What was important was the attendance of a lot of new faces. The really gratifying part was the abundance of favourable comments afterwards, suggesting that Exeter City events have got a new strain of support. This compensated for the lack of numbers from our recognised bodies of support, which, to say the least, were most disappointing. We want to boost our income, indeed we need to boost our income, from commercial activities and the support we most need is from the regular supporters of City. So, come on, make a point of supporting us next time we put on such a good event.



Gordon Hobson, the 'Sponsors Man of the Match' after the match with the managing director of 'The Express and Echo', Martin Gower.

MUSEUM PIECE

From 30th March to 27th April there is an exhibition of Exeter City Football Club at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, Exeter. Following the club's highly successful championship victory last season the museum is to make its first venture into sport. Photographs, memorabilia and other interesting items will be on display, highlighting the championship season. Videos will be shown and there will be an Exeter City Quiz to enter. The museum is open from 10am Tuesday – Saturday. Make sure you pay a visit.

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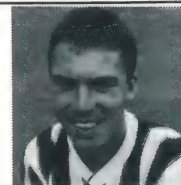
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OVER THE YEARS ON 26th MARCH

Eighty-one years ago today, City faced Luton Town here at the Park, and 7,000 spectators were in attendance to see the Bedfordshire outfit win 2-1. That proved to be our only Southern League fixture on this date, and our first Football League encounter on March 26th was against the same opposition. City fell to a 3-0 defeat on that occasion, our seventh successive defeat, which is a club record that has been equalled three times since, most recently in 1984.

In 1927 we were faring rather better than six years earlier, but again we lost on this date, 3-1 at Aberdare Athletic, who were voted out of the Football League just two months later. Our opponents in 1932 have been very much more in the media spotlight than Aberdare in the last twelve months, Swindon Town. Again the game ended in defeat, 2-1 on this occasion.

In 1937 Bill Owen netted a penalty for us at Ashton Gate, but the 10,000 crowd saw Bristol City win 2-1. A year later ... and a point at last! We travelled to Cardiff and shared two goals with the Welshmen, James Liddle on target for City. Another 1-1 draw resulted in 1948, when 15,833 were present at the Park on Good Friday to see promotion chasing Bournemouth denied both points by an own goal. 1949 brought a third successive 1-1 draw, this time Swansea Town the visitors. Top scorer Doug Regan netted our goal, in front of another impressive audience of 13,000.

This day in history

Bournemouth again visited us on a bank holiday, this time on Easter Monday in 1951, and goals from Smith and Hutchings were enough to seal City's first win on this date. At last! Crystal Palace inflicted a 1-0 home defeat a year later, and Leyton Orient romped home 5-0 in 1955 to bring us back down to earth. Our first Fourth Division fixture on 26th March also saw us fail to score, opponents Aldershot winning 1-0 in 1960.

City's Irish international Dermot Curtis grabbed the only goal of the game at Workington 26 years ago, and it was to be another twelve years before we played on this date. In 1977 we again faced a long trip to the Cumbrian coastal town, and again we returned home the victors. Just 1,395 were present to see one goal from Nicky Jennings and two from Tony Kellow see City to a 3-1 success, the first of eleven wins in thirteen matches which took us to promotion. Sadly, this proved to be Workington's last season in the League.

In 1979 Keith Bowker scored our goal in a 1-1 draw at Mansfield, while the following year brought another 3-1

away victory, this time at Chester. Tony Kellow netted a penalty, and Ray Pratt scored the first two of his 61 league goals for the club. Sealand Road proved to be a lucky ground for Ray, as he scored in each of his three appearances at the ground, netting a hat-trick in our 3-1 win there in 1985.

Pratt was also on the scoresheet eight years ago, popping up to score the winner against Bradford at the Park. In goal for City that day was Peter Shepherd, making his only appearance for the club, while making his debut for the club was loan signing David Crown, who also scored, in our 2-1 win. The run of successes continued two years later, with a 3-2 success at The Shay. City were behind at half-time, but our first goal had been scored by a certain Jim McNichol.

On March 26th 1986 at the Park, goals in the first four minutes from Warren Ward and Steve Harrower were cancelled out by two strikes from visitors Torquay within half an hour, and the score remained unchanged in the second half. The attendance at that game, just 2,420, is the smallest ever to have watched a competitive fixture between two of Devon's League clubs. Our most recent game on this date was at Gresty Road, where we earned a point from a goalless draw against Crewe, leaving us with an impressive record of five wins and three draws from our last eight games on this date, and only two have been at home as well!

Dear Grecian

As Treasurer of the Devon and Somerset branch of the Manchester City Supporters Club I was very pleased to hear of Steve Neville's Testimonial Match. As you can imagine we all travel many miles to watch Man City, so any local match is a welcome relief.

Hopefully there will be a big turn out as Steve Neville has seen sterling service for Exeter City. Many of our branch members count Exeter as their second favourite team (myself included) and try to get to St James' park for midweek matches and vacant Saturdays.

As you may know our branch played your Supporters Club team at Honiton in the summer - an event that will hopefully be repeated on a regular basis.

There is a thriving branch of the Manchester City Supporters Club based in the South-West - for details please phone Will Linsdell (0837) 82219 or Tina Kenny (0935) 31318.

Will Linsdell

Editor Replies:- Please note the change of date for News' Testimonial. It is now Tuesday 7 May. Kick off. 7.30 pm.

Please write to 'The Grecian' c/o The Near Post, St James' Road, Exeter EX4 6PU

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Seeing is
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That's what so many people say to me when as a christian I share my faith, "Show me and I'll believe."

I always find that a rather strange statement when all around us are

things that we can neither see or really understand. The wind, for instance, I know it's there, I feel it's touch when it blows, but I can never see it and where does it go to?

One of my favourite T.V. programmes is the Paul Daniels Magic Show, his performance is really something special, the tricks are brilliant, and we sit watching to see if we can work out how they are done.

Seeing is believing, yet we know that his magic is just a trick, a sleight of hand, yet many people are amazed at what he does.

So why say the same when it comes to thinking about God, especially at this time of the year, when all of us will be celebrating Easter, the

Christian festival that marks the centre of all that Christians believe.

Just a trick? I don't think so.

After Jesus had been killed, the religious leaders were so convinced that the disciples were going to try and steal the body that they ordered a guard to be put on the tomb. These men saw with their own eyes the resurrection on the first Easter Day. They saw but did not believe and were easily bribed to spread a pack of lies! They saw but did not believe!

Why don't you take a few minutes this Easter to think about the reasons for your celebrations.

God Bless.
Richard.

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The savage treatment of chairman Ivor Doble by the Football Association seemed to have reached the players as City went two goals down inside the first quarter of an hour against a rapidly improving Bradford side.

The first half clearly belonged to the Yorkshire team. The Exeter defence was caught out in the ninth minute by a Sean McCarthy through ball that allowed Steve Topely loads of room to place a shot wide of Kevin Miller, former Plymouth striker McCarthy was to relish his new midfield role throughout this match and just six minutes later he headed home a Paul Jewell cross that Lee Sinnott helped on.

Exeter were being out-battled in midfield and the defence was struggling to match the pace and skill of the Bradford front-runners. Miller made several notable saves in this game and further added to his fast growing reputation as one of the best young goalkeepers in the country. How long before the offers come in I wonder?

Paul Batty did bring a point blank save out of Paul Tomlinson, the comparatively unemployed Bradford goalkeeper, but it was a small oasis in the desert for the visitors.

Darran Rowbotham replaced Trevor Morgan at half-time it coincided with a spell of Exeter pressure. However City suffered a double blow in the 56th minute. Jim McNichol overstretched trying to cut out a long ball and as he lay helplessly on the ground Jewell nipped in to score. Lee Rogers came on as the second substitute.

Jewell missed a great opportunity immediately afterwards when he unselfishly tried to set up Babb and allowed the steady Shaun Taylor to clear. In the 71st minute Batty headed against a post, summing up City's night of frustration. Bradford meantime moved into a good position to challenge for a play-off place.

After the match City boss Terry Cooper was disappointed with the performance. "We are giving away too many early goals away from home. Kevin Miller did well to keep us in the game. We did better in the second half and had a couple of chances but the injury to Jim McNichol finished us off".



Referee Roger Milford makes the draw at half time as he leaves the pitch with his linesmen



Steve Neville nets number two against Huddersfield

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Commercial Manager Mike Lewis and speakers Roger Milford and Ian St. John have a chat with Ivor Doble on what was to be his last function for Exeter City before his suspension was effective.



Paddy Brennan was the successful bidder for the signed England football. Proceeds split between Exeter City and Ottery St. Mary



Manager Terry Cooper and most of the first team squad enjoyed the evening – most of it away from the bar area!



Some of the 200 guests reflect happily on the Exeter City – Express and Echo Sporting Dinner

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It was with stunned disbelief that the Exeter City staff heard the news last Tuesday that chairman Ivor Doble had failed in his appeal against the 12-month suspension imposed upon him by the Football Association. For weeks there had been an air of confidence that the sentence would be suspended, allowing Mr. Doble to continue the job of chairman that he had done so well since reluctantly inheriting the post.

Commercial deals had been set up to significantly improve the financial situation at the club, but against this background was the nagging worry that affected all the staff – what would their future be? Despite this the club soldiered away as bravely as possible.



Ivor and Vera Doble pictured at the Sporting Dinner at Exeter Golf & Country Club

The man who took most of the strain was Ivor Doble. It is to his credit and his wife Vera, that they rarely allowed the stress of the situation to surface to the staff. He was still there, visiting the offices with time for everyone, a quiet word of encouragement, a gentle coaxing of better efforts.

Despite their troubles Ivor and Vera attended the Sporting Dinner just two days before the hearing and, as always, carried out their duties on behalf of the club in a perfect manner. It was always reassuring to know that the chairman was always there to support any function that helped Exeter City Football Club.

Forgetting all politics it is quite obvious that Ivor Doble is held in very high esteem by the great majority of people around St. James' Park. Certainly all the staff found him to be an excellent chairman. That sort of reputation is earned, you cannot fool all the people all of the time as they say. To back up the staff the clear signs of affection shown by the crowd towards Ivor were there for all to see. It would be terrific if the supporters could be reassured that Ivor Doble WILL be back when his year's suspension has been served.

it seems amazing that such an important appeal hearing could be concluded in under 15 minutes. Were the letters of commendation from some very important people totally ignored? Was Exeter City considered? What if the club had been one of the First Division big boys?

Well, that's all academic. What we can do is simply say "Thank you Ivor" for service carried out in a dedicated way. Exeter City always came first. All the real supporters of the club are aware of that and would like to think that we shall again be on our feet in March 1992 to welcome you back.



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Let's hope we in the Press Box have a good match to report for tomorrow's sports pages and City fans throughout the West Country.

Just over a month ago, I speculated in this column how the so protracted Park "financial mismanagement" affair had affected Terry Cooper's bid to put City in the promotion frame for a second consecutive term. My feeling was that a lengthy wait for the Football Association to arrive at a final outcome over the off-pitch events of previous seasons had left the club in limbo.

I considered:

Crucial decisions that needed to be made were being postponed. The club was losing the momentum, if not the sense of direction, that many had worked so hard to achieve after long years in the Division Four doldrums. Andy City's Division Three rivals had not been slow to take advantage of the uncertainty, tempting not only the popular Danny Bailey away, but also unsettling the best manager the club has ever had.

My appeal to the FA was to allow the dust to settle at St. James' Park, and to give Exeter City the opportunity to restore the unity and purpose that had been acquired under the successful leadership of Ivor Doble and Terry Cooper. Some hope.

In little more than the 10 minutes it takes players to consume their half-time oranges, an FA board of inquiry last week managed to rip

out part of the club's very heart by confirming a year's suspension from soccer for chairman Ivor Doble. I accept the FA initially found there was a case to answer, and that the FA felt that some directors should be punished for a breach of a misconduct rule they have always strenuously denied.

But the scale of the penalties the FA has imposed on directors attempting to do their best for the club they love and have poured money into, smacks of sheer vindictiveness.

Look at the facts:

The club complied with Devon County Council recommendations aimed at making the ground safer for you, the supporters, and a great deal of work was carried out at comparatively little cost.

The Football Grounds Improvement Trust happily accepted a £27,000 cheque from Mr. Doble's own pocket in settlement of grant claim discrepancies and considered the whole matter closed.

Director Murray Couch and Mike Holladay took their punishments on the chin, Mr Couch selflessly resigning in a bid to help Mr. Doble's appeal. What more could the FA want.

Mr Doble's head, apparently, even knowing the effect it would have on the club. I remain disturbed about a number of points concerning Mr. Doble's abortive hearing, not least the FA ban on the introduction of any new evidence and on the chairman addressing the panel himself.

Is this really how a supposedly responsible body should be conducting its affairs in the latter part of the 20th century?

If the courts of law applied the same rules the Birmingham Six would still be in prison today.

Finally, the length of time the panel allotted to a matter that would severely affect not just Mr. Doble, but the whole of Exeter City Football Club was not far short of insulting.

The phrases "indecent haste" and "cut and dried" stick in my mind.

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